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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA:** Discussions have opened in Ottawa between delegates from the Newfoundland National Convention and a committee of the Cabinet to consider whether there is, in the opinion of all concerned, a fair and equitable basis for federal union of Newfoundland with Canada. After opening statements in public, discussions were continued in private. They were then adjourned for a week to permit study of documents exchanged. (P. 9-11)

**\$20 MILLION FOR RELIEF:** The Prime Minister announced that Parliament would be asked to appropriate \$20 million for post-UNRRA relief needs in 1947. This sum will include approximately \$5 million for the International Children's Emergency Fund. Of the \$20 million, \$8 million will be made available for purchases of salted and canned fish. (P. 6)

**SUGAR:** The consumer's sugar ration will be increased by another three or four pounds during the second half of the year. The industrial ration will be advanced by ten points on each industrial category.

**UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS:** After some lively discussion, the House of Commons gave third reading to the Bill empowering the Government to impose sanctions, not involving the use of armed force, in accordance with article 41 of the U.N. charter.

T.L. Church (P.C. Broadview) seconded by

J.H. Blackmore (S.C. Lethbridge) moved the six months' hoist. Their motion was defeated by 142 to 11, the minority consisting of Social Credit members with the addition of J.F. Pouliot (Ind. Lib. Temiscouate) and Mr. Church.

**HIGH COMMISSIONER TO U.K.:** L. Dana Wilgress has been appointed Acting High Commissioner in London during the absence of Norman Robertson. Mr. Wilgress will also continue as head of the Canadian delegation to the International Trade Conference in Geneva. Mr. Robertson has been ordered to take two months rest for a generally run-down condition.

**EXPORTS' SHARP ADVANCE:** Showing a sharp advance of nearly \$77,000,000 over April, Canada's domestic exports reached a new post-war high level for a month in May, when they were valued at \$267,800,000. The May figure compares with \$197,000,000 for May last year and \$295,000,000 for August, 1945, the last war-time month.

The high figure for May brought the aggregate for the year to \$1,055,800,000 as compared with \$896,100,000 in the first five months of 1946.

Exports to the United Kingdom during May rose to \$90,481,000 as compared with \$54,902,000 last year and were more than double the April value of \$43,070,000, the aggregate for the five months being \$276,444,000 as against \$235,459,000 in the 1946 period.

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for another war--a war of annihilation. The whole world and every human in it, today face the greatest crisis in the history of civilization. Men fear war, plead protection for their women, cry for work, beg bread for starving children!

War is an evil thing, so accursed that Satan himself must be its sire, and they are the minions of Satan who cause masses of men to move unto wars of unjust aggression against their fellowmen. "To will an aggressive war is a crime", a great humanitarian once said. And in these bitter days while nations stand helpless to cope with infernal forces which they have unleashed upon one another -- evils which have but boomeranged upon themselves--we who believe in God must in prayer dedicate ourselves to penance, in reparation for the sins of those who "will" war and love God not. To Jesus through Mary we must daily pray for peace. For we, who know Mary's might and her mercy, know we need not fear for the future, if with faithful, trustful hearts we implore her powerful intercession. Neither flood, nor fire, nor famine, neither death, nor war, nor slavery, can perish the peoples of the earth, if in faith and love they will unite in prayer to Christ, our Saviour through Mary His Virgin Mother.

Reflecting on the sacred scenes of the Congress, however, Cardinal Spellman felt a great confidence that we should peacefully achieve the solution of our problems if we but prayed and pursued righteous peace in the light and love of Christ through His Blessed Mother Mary.

Cardinal Spellman concluded: In passionate prayer that fervently bespeaks our everlasting faith in God, united we lift our souls, beseeching Him through Mary, Mother of all Mankind, to grant us peace.

In the evening, a candlelight procession, which took over half an hour to pass a given point, left the centre of the city and proceeded south along the driveways by the Rideau canal to Landsdowne park. Twenty-seven illuminated floats represented religious scenes.

On the main float, Cardinal McGuigan carried the Sacred Host.

As he held the Host aloft, thousands knelt in prayer.

## ALASKA HIGHWAY TROUBLES

**81 BELOW AND A GLACIER:** Flood waters, floating ice, 80-foot driftwood jams and a glacier, are among the difficulties that Army engineers have surmounted in keeping the Alaska Highway open to traffic during the spring thaw, it is revealed in a current report of Brigadier Geoffrey Walsh, commander of the Northwest Highway System.

The report shows that heavy snow and exceptionally cold winter weather - as low as 81 degrees below zero - coupled with a late but exceptionally warm spring have resulted in the highway maintenance crews being faced with the

most severe spring break-up since the completion of the highway.

After keeping the highway in good repair all winter, the crews were forced to make road closures at the Coal and Little Rancheria rivers for three and four days respectively, despite 24-hour vigils at all strategic locations. A heavy run-off of water, bringing with it great quantities of ice, driftwood and muskeg, overwhelmed even safety culverts of large size installed specially for floods in normally dry stream beds.

Sappers of No. 1 Road Maintenance Company, RCE, built a pile trestle bridge 160 feet long, capable of taking 70-ton loads, in record time of four days to replace one which had been completely washed away. Most difficulty was encountered in the Muncho Lake to Swift River area where many timber bridges were damaged. Residents near the Liard River report that the stream on June 1 reached a point approximately 14 feet higher than has been seen in the last 10 years.

## VERSATILE R.C.E.M.E.

**ARMY DOCTORS OF MECHANICS:** Anyone who considers the Canadian Army backward in keeping abreast of the mechanical age, or in caring for all the gadgets, precision instruments and what-nots it brought with it, needs only visit an army workshop to reassure himself.

Should a 40-ton tank run over the regimental time-piece, both could be sent to the same army workshop if in need of repairs. A radar set, motion picture projector or a bulldozer could be sent along, too, if they needed attention. That's how versatile members of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers have become in their peacetime role of "doctors of mechanics".

Specialists in most every line of mechanical endeavour, including precision instruments and the intricacies of radar, they fully overhaul jeeps and tanks; .22 rifles and massive 9.2 inch coastal guns -- some weighing as much as 130 tons.

The future of the R.C.E.M.E. as a corps in Canada's army of tomorrow is important. Workshops and activities of the organization will be revamped and expanded to meet the demands of completely new and highly scientific weapons that may be the tools of defence or war in the years ahead.

Whatever it may be that smashes, cracks or runs down -- if it's made of metal or has a piece of wire hanging loose -- it will probably find its way into a R.C.E.M.E. workshop.

As one soldier-mechanic put it, it really is a far cry from the days when the mechanical work of an army consisted primarily of shoeing a horse.

The Ont. Govt. has increased its old age pension contribution by \$10 a month, raising the monthly pension payable in Ontario from \$30 to \$40.

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